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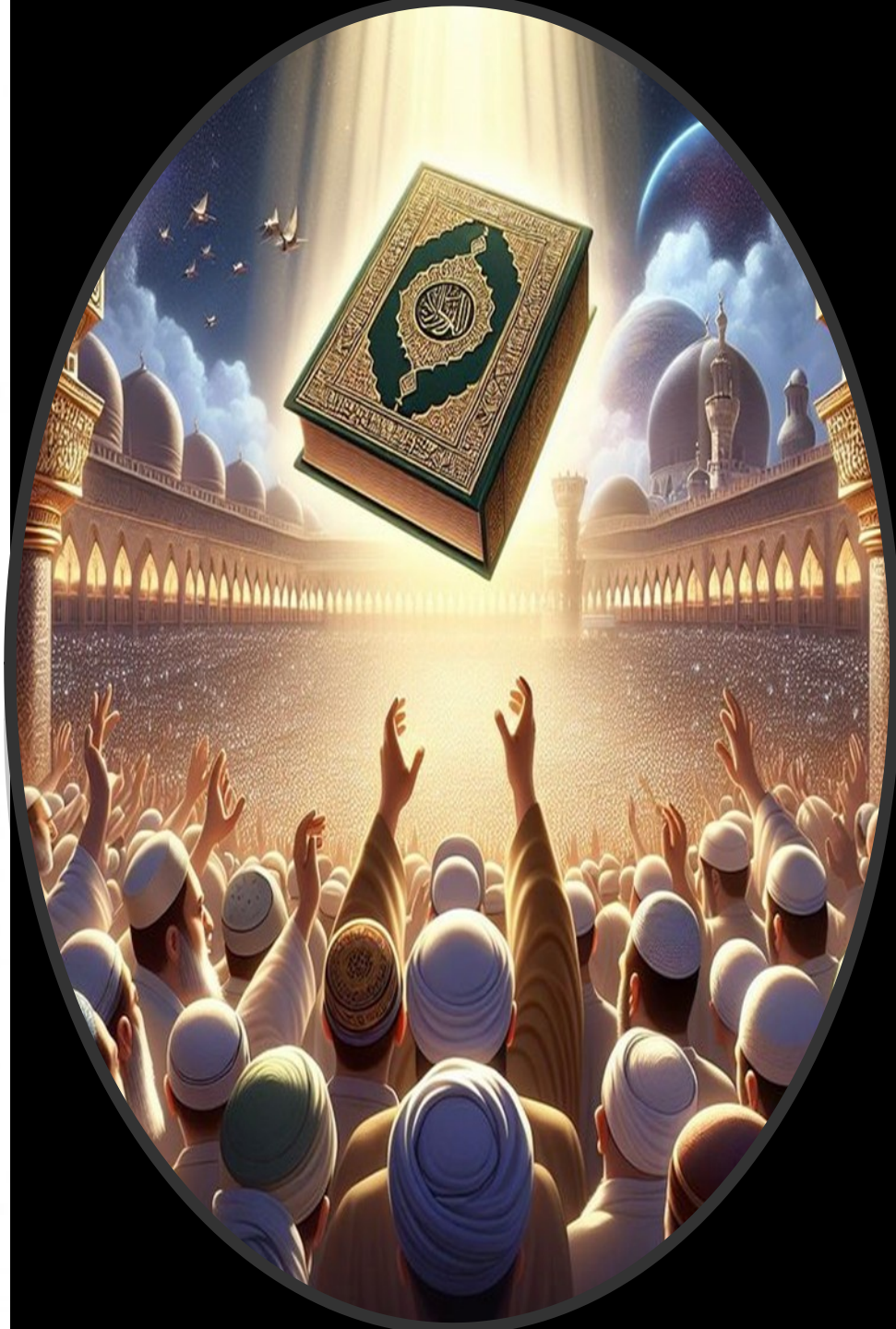

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1) https://quran.com/al-qadr/info

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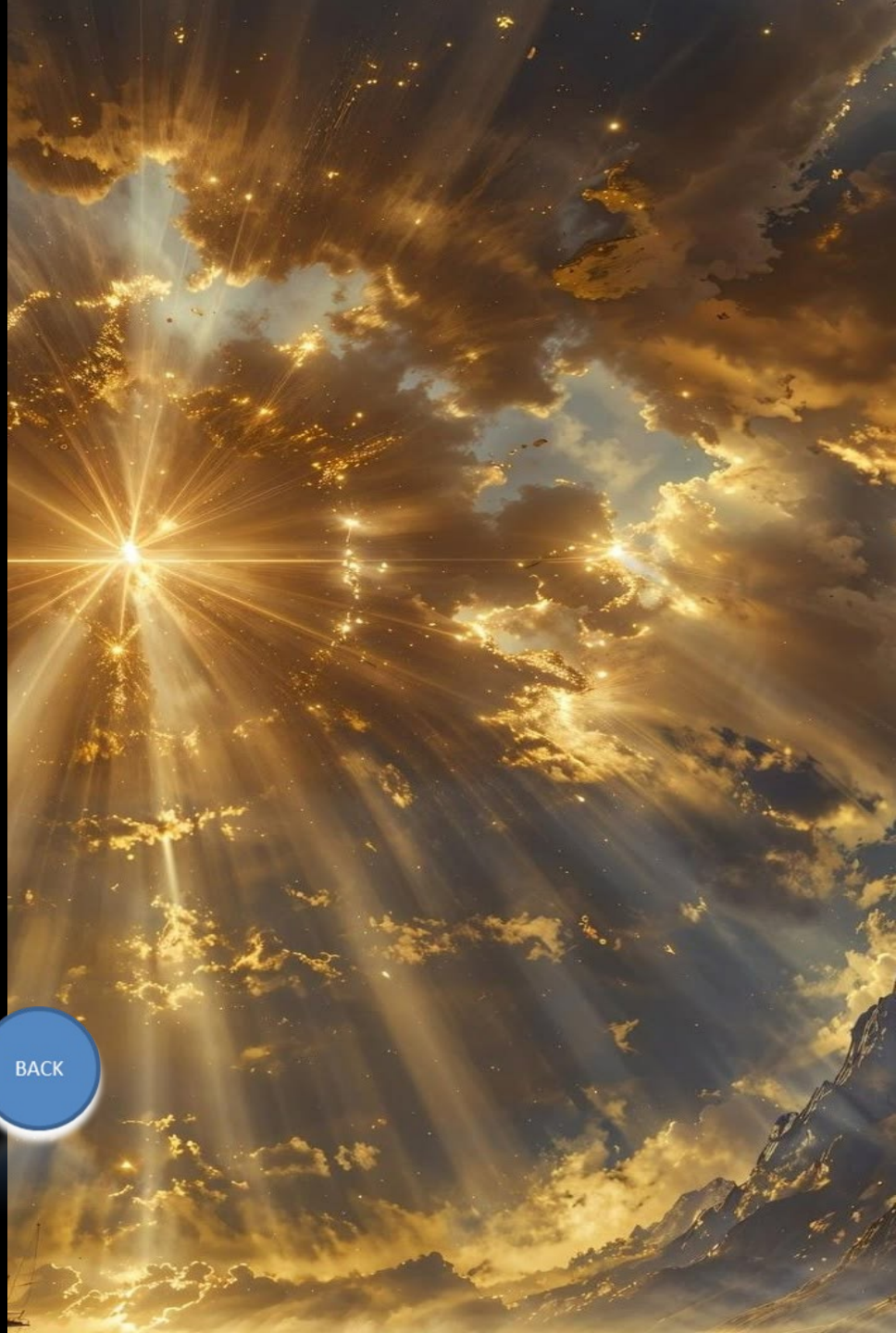
THE BACKGROUND

Adapted from Tafsir Ibn Ashur 1

Themes and purpose:

This surah is dedicated to affirming the immense dignity and power of the Quran. Its purpose is to elevate the status of the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr), confirming that the descent of the revelation and the angels during this single night is a grace greater than an entire lifetime of worship.



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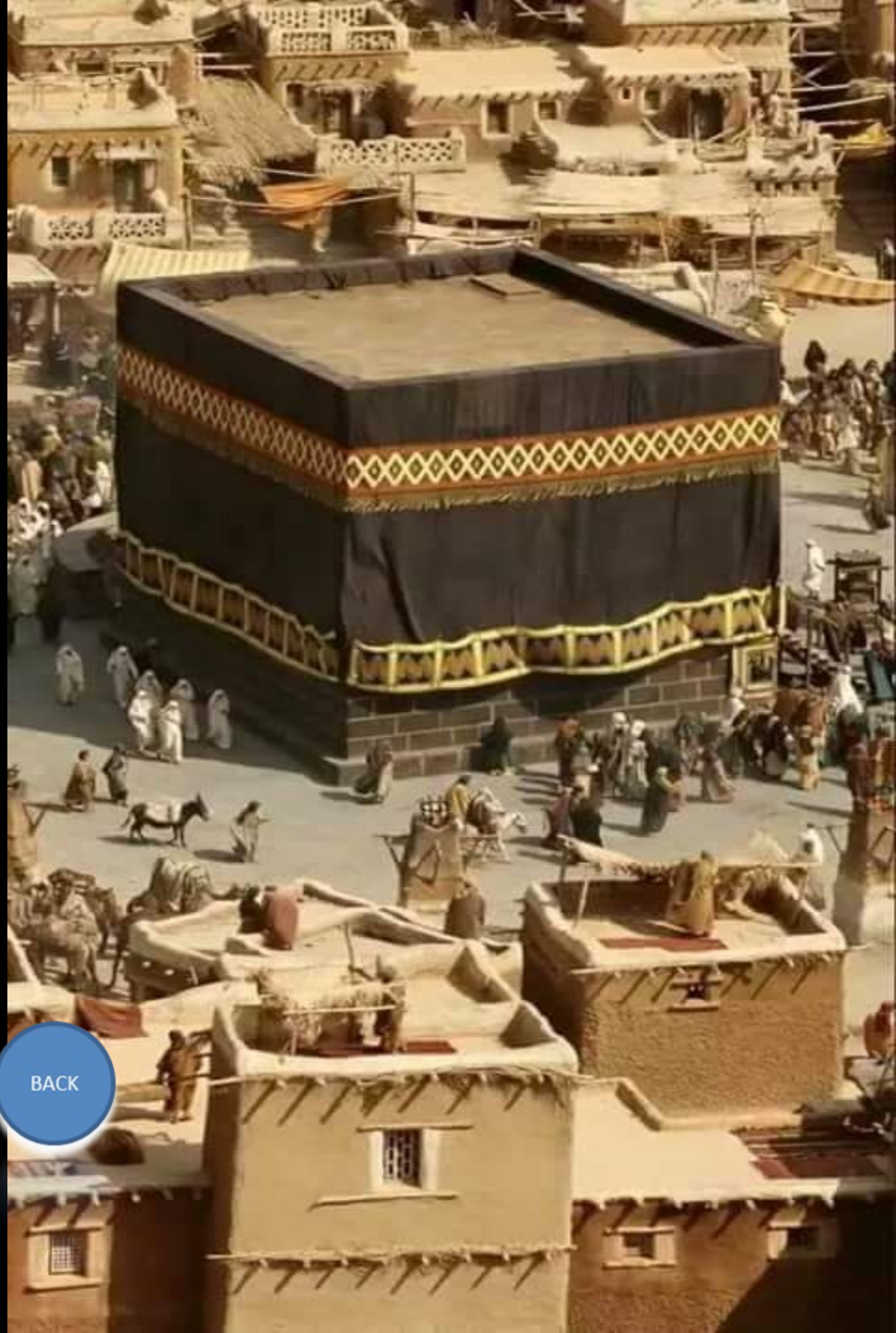
Context of Revelation:

- Era: There are strong arguments for it being either Makkan or Madinan, but the majority opinion is that it is Makkan.
- Context: The surah was revealed to inform the Muslims of the immense virtue of the night in which the Quran was sent down, encouraging them to seek it out through devotion.
- Chronology: It has been counted as the 25th surah in the order of revelation, revealed after Sūrat ʿAbasa and before al-Shams.



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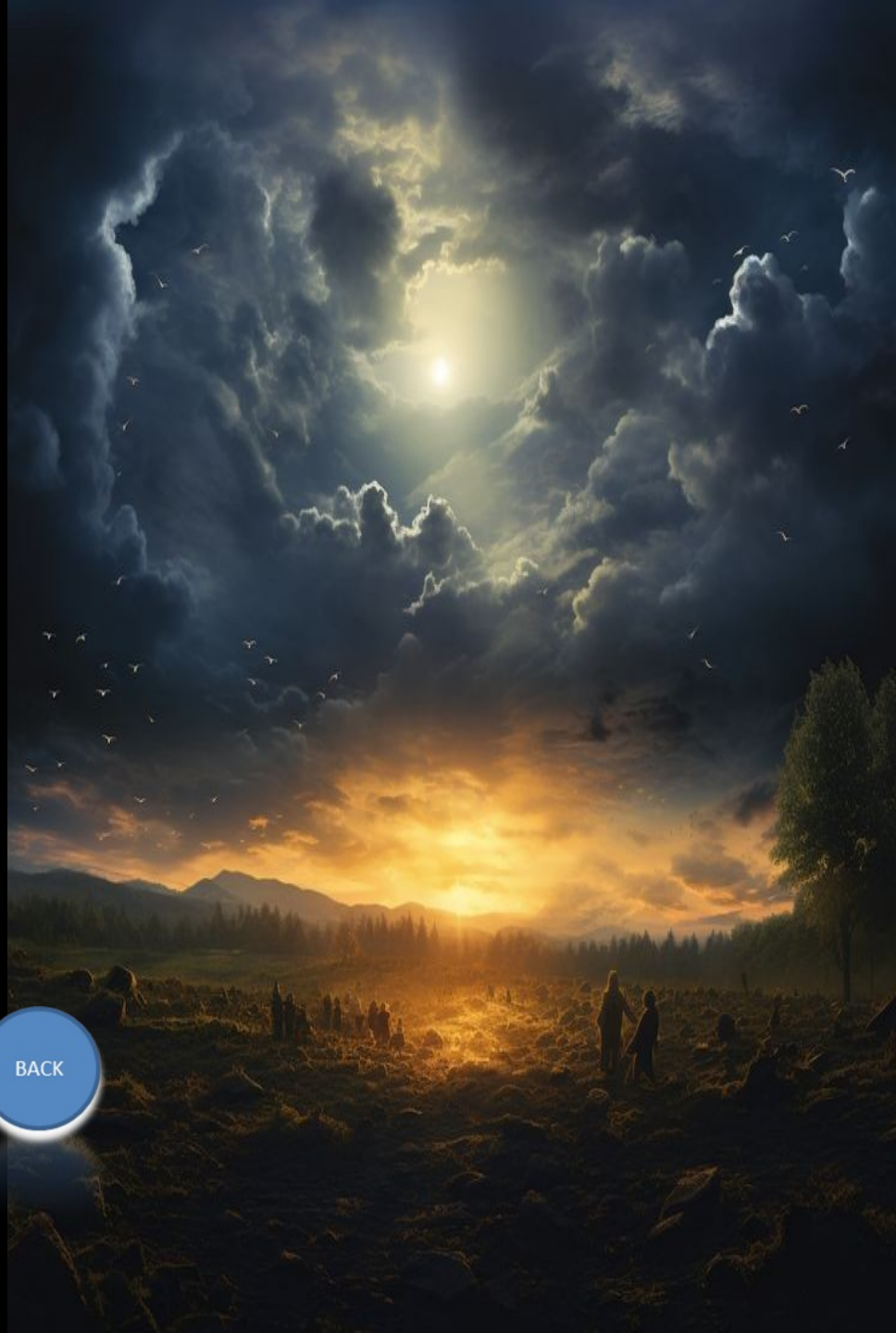
- The surah is known both as "Sūrat al-Qadr" (Value/Power) and "Sūrat Laylat al-Qadr" (The Night of Value), based on the opening ayah concerning the Quran’s revelation.



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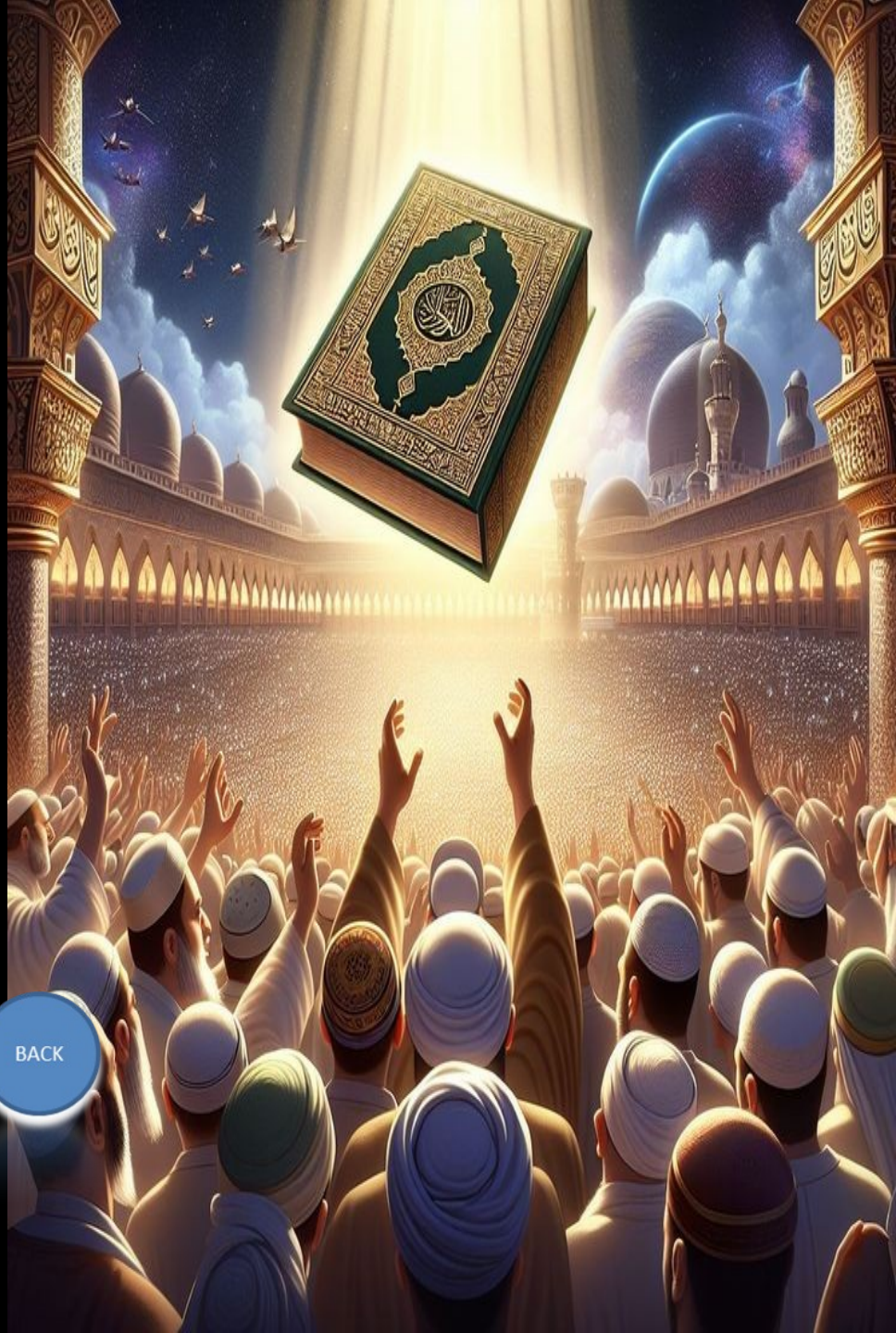
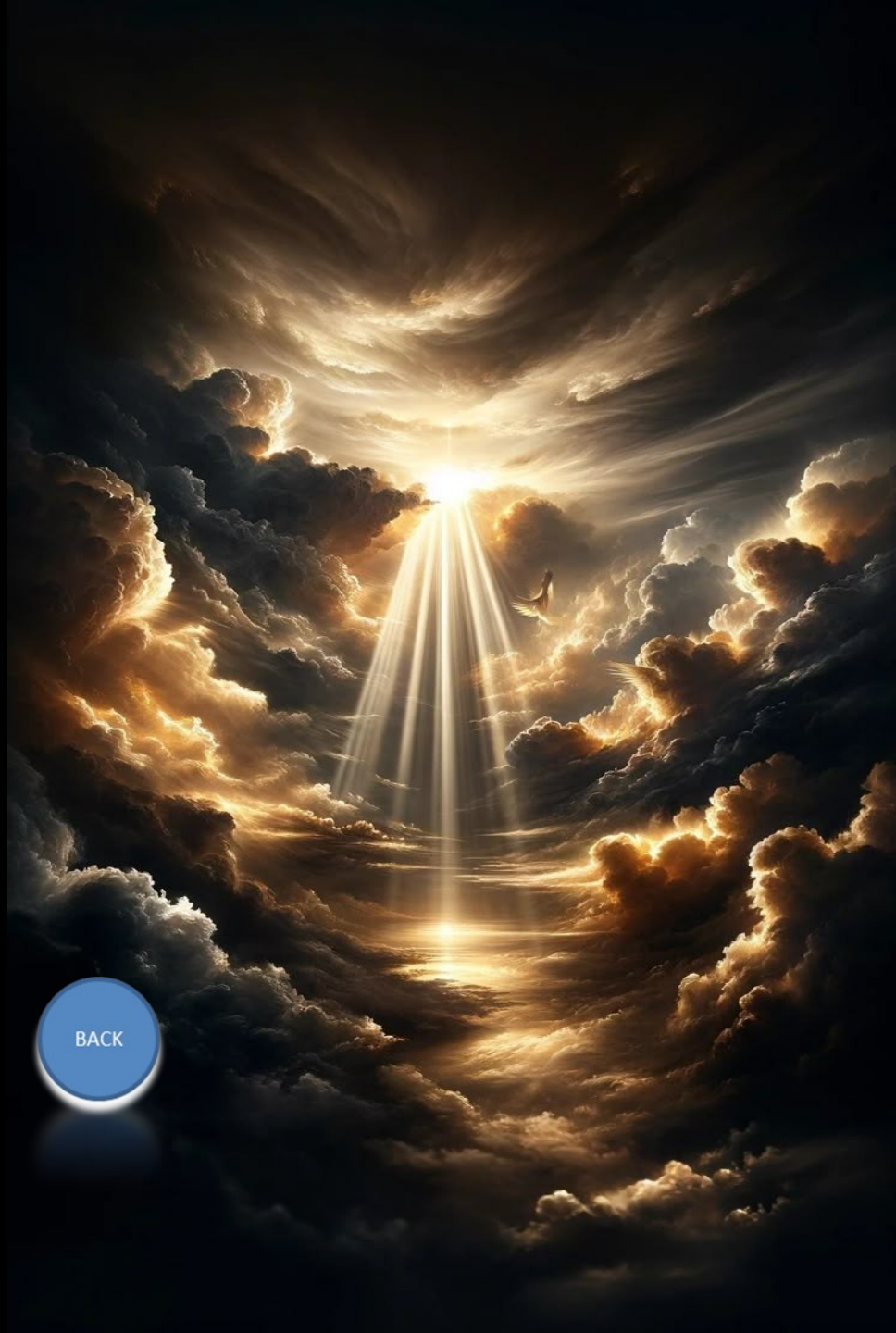
Surah Overview:

- Praising the greatness of the Quran by attributing its descent to Allah. [1]
- Elevating the status of the night of its descent, Laylat al-Qadr, and affirming its superiority over “a thousand months”. [3]



- Highlighting the descent of the Angels and the Spirit with every divine decree during this night. [4]
- Describing the night as a period of profound peace and spiritual energy that lasts until the break of dawn. [5]



THE AYAT IN DETAILS 2

إِنَّآ أَنزَلْنَٰهُ فِى لَيْلَةِ ٱلْقَدْرِ ١

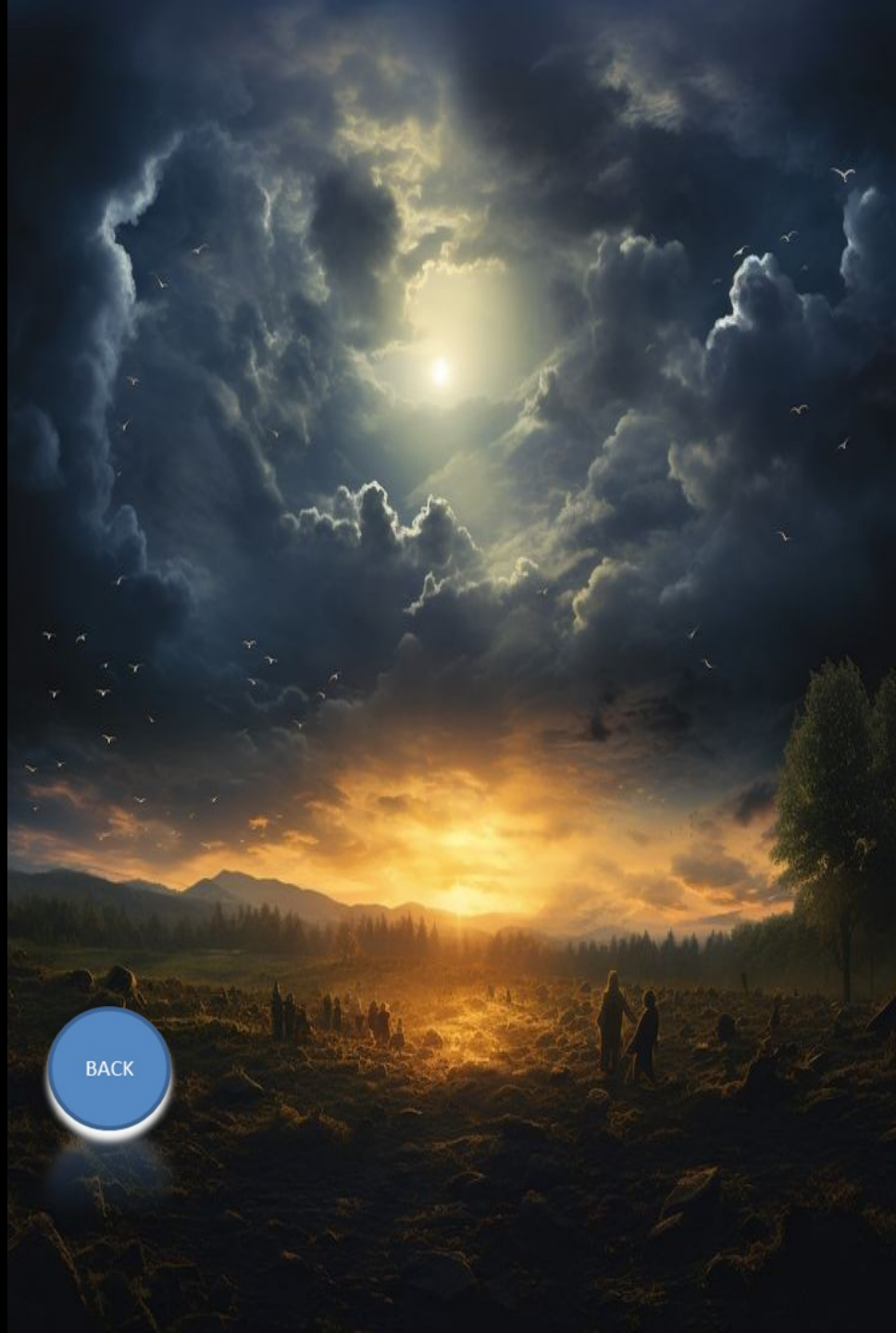
Indeed, it is We Who sent this Quran down on the Night of Glory.1

Footnote - 1

It is also believed that the angels descend with all decreed matters for the whole year during that night (al-qadr also means ordainment or destiny).

وَمَآ أَدۡرَىٰكَ مَا لَيۡلَةُ ٱلۡقَدۡرِ ٢

And what will make you realize what the Night of Glory is?



لَيْلَةُ ٱلْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ٣

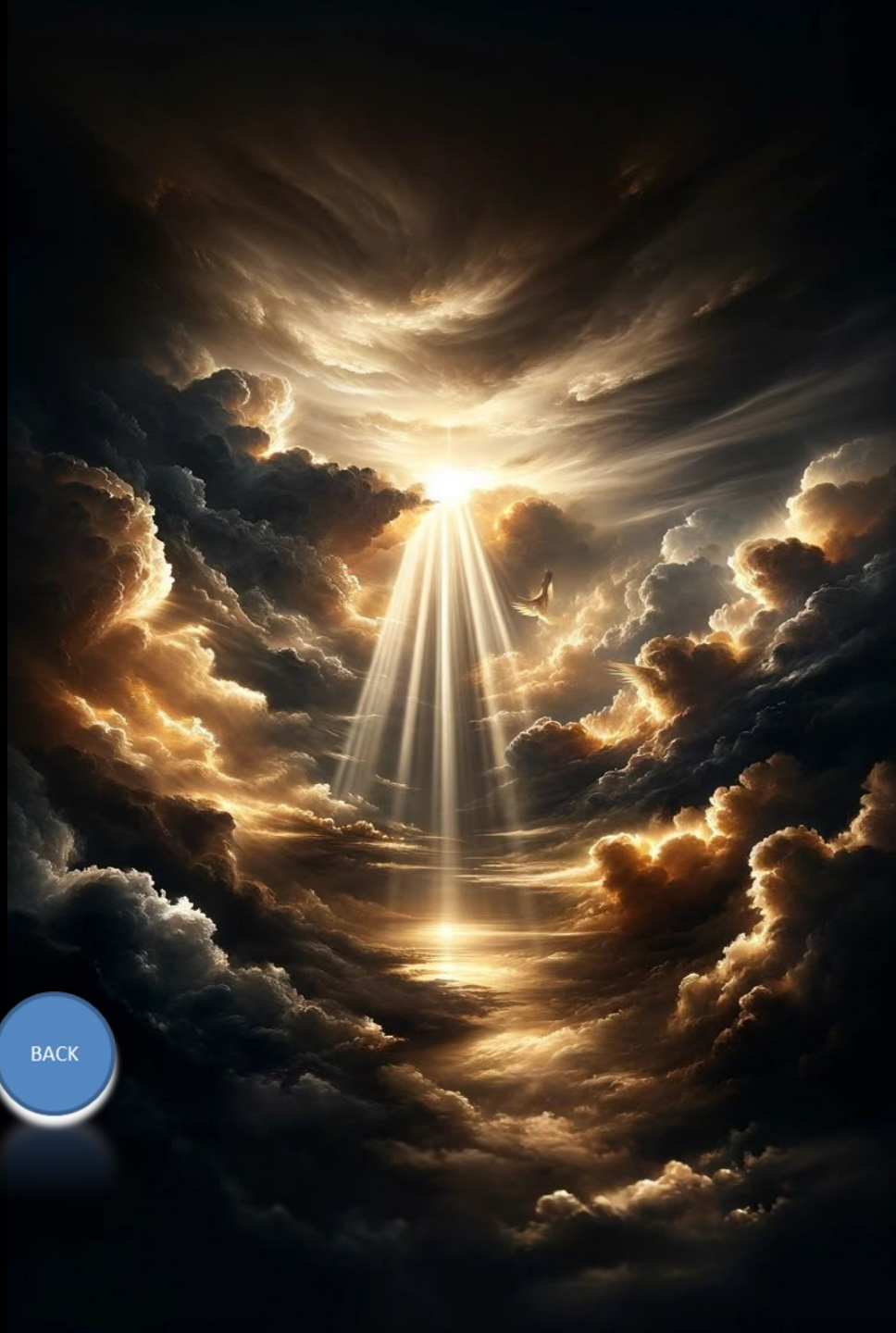
The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months.

لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا
بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِم مِّن كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

That night the angels and the [holy] spirit[1] descend, by the permission of their Lord, for every [decreed] matter.

Footnote - 1

i.e., the angel Gabriel.



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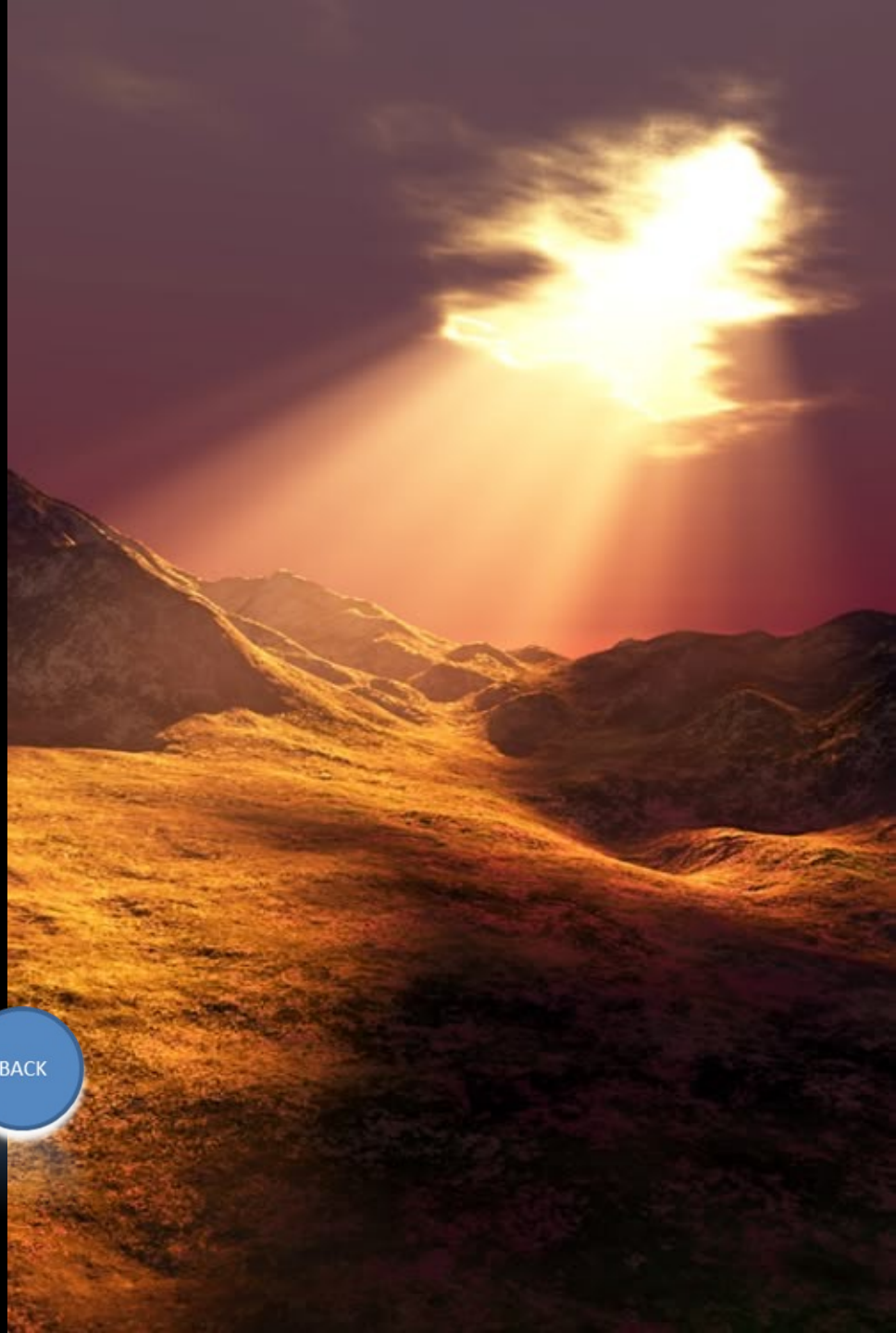
سَلَٰمٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطۡلَعِ ٱلۡفَجۡرِ ٥

It is all peace until the break of dawn.



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EXCERCISES
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1. Remembering (Recall)

1) What is the name of the surah?
2) How many verses are there in Surah Al-Qadr?
3) In which night was the Qur'an revealed according to the surah?
4) What is the Arabic term used for the Night of Decree?
5) Who descends during Laylatul Qadr?
6) Until what time does peace prevail on that night?
7) What is Laylatul Qadr said to be better than?

2. Understanding (Comprehension)

1) What does the phrase "We have certainly sent it down" refer to?
2) Why does Allah ask, "And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree?“
3) What is meant by "better than a thousand months"?
4) Why is the descent of the angels significant?
5) What does the surah teach us about the importance of Laylatul Qadr?
6) What is the meaning of the word "peace" in the last verse?

3. Applying

1) How can a Muslim prepare to benefit from Laylatul Qadr?
2) What acts of worship should a Muslim increase during the last ten nights of Ramadan?
3) How can the lessons of Surah Al-Qadr influence a person's daily life?
4) What can a student learn from the value Allah places on special opportunities?
5) How can you apply the message of "better than a thousand months" to managing your time wisely?

4. Analyzing

1) How does the surah emphasize the greatness of Laylatul Qadr?
2) What is the relationship between the revelation of the Qur'an and the honor of this night?
3) Why do you think the surah repeats the phrase "Laylatul Qadr" several times?
4) How are the angels' descent and the atmosphere of peace connected?
5) Compare the value of one night of worship on Laylatul Qadr with worship performed over many years.
6) How does the structure of the surah gradually build appreciation for Laylatul Qadr?

5. Evaluating

1) Why do you think Laylatul Qadr is one of the greatest blessings given to this Ummah?
2) Which description of Laylatul Qadr in the surah do you think is the most powerful? Why?
3) How would you respond to someone who neglects worship during the last ten nights of Ramadan?
4) Why is seeking Laylatul Qadr worth great effort and sacrifice?
5) How does Surah Al-Qadr encourage believers to value the Qur'an more highly?

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Write a short speech explaining the importance of Laylatul Qadr to your classmates.
2) Create a poster showing the main messages of Surah Al-Qadr.
3) Compose a reflection on how you would spend Laylatul Qadr if you knew it was tonight.
4) Design a plan for the last ten nights of Ramadan based on the teachings of the surah.
5) Create a mind map linking the revelation of the Qur'an, the angels, peace, and the rewards of Laylatul Qadr.
6) Write three life lessons that Muslims can learn from Surah Al-Qadr and explain each one.

6. Creating (Higher-Order Thinking)

1) Why was the revelation of the Qur'an on Laylatul Qadr a turning point in human history?
2) How might the Muslim community change if every believer truly appreciated the value of Laylatul Qadr?
3) What does Surah Al-Qadr teach about the relationship between time and achievement?
4) How does the surah demonstrate Allah's mercy toward His servants?
5) If Laylatul Qadr were specifically identified every year, how might that affect people's worship and sincerity? Explain your reasoning.

و الحمد لله رب العالمين